स्थापना हेतु कोई कदम उठा रही है/उठाने का विचार रखती है ताकि रोगियों को स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण हेतु देश की राजधानी में आने को बाध्य न होना पड़े और दिल्ली के चिकित्सा संस्थानों पर अतिरिक्त बोझ न पड़े; और

(ख) क्या राज्य स्तरों पर माडल स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र स्थापित करने की सरकार की कोई योजना है और यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी): (क) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

Reported Sale of Medical Degrees

1756. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-items captioned 'Medical Degrees on sale in the city', published in the Times of India dated the 19th June, 1997;

(b) if so, how many privately-run medical colleges are functioning in Delhi which are not recognised by any medical council of the country;

(c) whether such colleges are functioning with the collusion of some officers; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. The news-item refers to the issue of fake degrees which appeared to pertain to the area of alternative systems of medicine.

(b) to (d) According to the Govt. NCT of Delhi Government has not authentic information on the subject.

Incentives for Family Planning Programme

1757. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incentives worked out by Government to strengthen family planning programme;

(b) the present rate of growth of population, per annum, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) what concrete steps are being taken or are proposed to be taken to control population of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Central Government employees are entitled to one increment for undergoing sterilisation after upto three children, as also a rebate in interest on House Building Advance and Special Casual Leave. This incentive has been adopted by several State Govts. and Public Sector Undertakings for their employees. For the general public, a part of the funds given to the States and Union Territories, under the scheme of 'Sterilisation,and IUD insertion', is passed on to the acceptors of sterilisation, by way of compensation for loss of wages.

(b) A Statement is annexed *(See below).*

(c) Family size and therefore growth rate of population is influenced in the long run by looking after the health needs of couples/children and is influenced in the short run by helping couples to avoid unwanted pregnancies by using spacing methods including terminal methods. Accordingly spacing methods and terminal methods are being offered to people and they are being encouraged to use these services in a voluntary and informed manner.

The Reporductive and Child Health services are being provided through Government/Local Body Hospitals/ Dispensaries and these are being further proposed to be strengthened in the IX Plan.